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SUBJ: HELICOPTERS FOR TNPD

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1. EMBASSY MUCH APPRECIATES THE CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE REPLY TO OUR RECOMMENDATIONS IN REFTEL. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE HELICOPTER ISSUE HAS ASSUMED IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE RTG IN THE NARCOTICS FIELD, WE BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT WITH A FULLY-CONSIDERED, FULLY COORDINATED MISSION POSITION ON THE POINTS RAISED IN REFTEL. WE WILL EXPEDITE SUCH A FULLY-CONSIDERED REPLY, BUT MEANWHILE WE SUGGEST:

A) THAT DEPARTMENT TAKE A NONCOMMITTAL POSITION WITH GENERAL PHAO SARASIN IN MEETING WEDNESDAY NOON IN WASHINGTON. SUGGEST THAT, IF PHAO RAISES THE HELICOPTER ISSUE, REPLY BE THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES HAVE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE JOINT HELICOPTER UTILIZATION REPORT AND THAT A MESSAGE CONTAINING THE VIEWS OF WASHINGTON AGENCIES WILL SHORTLY BE TRANSMITTED TO THE EMBASSY IN BANGKOK.

B) THAT DEPARTMENT REVIEW CONTENTS OF REFTEL WITH AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE DURING HIS WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS BEGINNING

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NEXT WEEK.

2. WE WILL PROVIDE A MISSION-COORDINATED RESPONSE TO REFTEL
TO DEPARTMENT NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 10 FOR CONSULTATIONS
WITH AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE.
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